TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW COUNTY OF CAMDEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND DESIGNATING A COMPLETE STREETS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Complete Streets describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicle users, emergency responders, motorists and people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets have the potential for improving physical and mental health, whether directly or indirectly, in the following ways:

- i. Incorporating physical activity into our daily lives by increasing pedestrian activity and bicycle use.
- ii. Reducing rates of several chronic diseases related to increases in physical activity from walking and bicycling. Key impacted diseases include diabetes, heart disease, depression, and some cancers.
- iii. Reducing rates of injury and death from decreased traffic crashes and improved road safety for all users.
- iv. Reducing rates of asthma and other respiratory issues due to air quality through emissions reductions and vegetative air filtration.
- v. Multiplying health and wellness benefits resulting from improved access to necessary amenities for vulnerable populations.
- vi. Reducing the risk of illnesses related to water-borne pathogens resulting from improved stormwater infiltration.
- vii. Increasing the sense of social connectivity and sense of community belonging.
- viii. Improving aesthetics through decorative and functional vegetation.

WHEREAS, the Township of Winslow is committed to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal transportation network to accommodate all users of the public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and highways will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic congestion by improving mobility options, limit greenhouse gases, improve air quality and enhance the general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Winslow recognizes the need for flexibility and further recognizes that all streets are different and that user needs must be balanced with and fit into the context of the community; and

- WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved by incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and
- WHEREAS, the implementation of a Complete Streets policy fulfills the goals, vision, and recommendations outlined in the Township's Master Plan, and more specifically, the Township's Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Element.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township of Winslow hereby affirms that Complete Streets policies, which address the needs of all users of all abilities and all trips, shall be considered in all planning, design, approval, and implementation processes, where feasible and not otherwise exempted, for all construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges, and/or other portions of the transportation network within the Township of Winslow, including pavement resurfacing, restriping, and signalization operations, where and when the safety and convenience of users can be improved within the scope of said work; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all initial planning and design studies of complete street infrastructure projects shall consider opportunities to improve public health; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that during the development, amendment, and/or adoption of any future plan, ordinance, law, procedures, rules or regulations, the Township, including its Departments, Divisions, Boards, and/or affiliated agencies, will consider integration and/or reference to the Complete Streets Policy as to provide for internal consistency amongst those policies and regulations; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Township shall establish a Complete Streets Technical Advisory Committee comprised of the Township Administrator, Winslow Township Police Department Traffic Safety Unit and the various Township Engineers for the purpose of assessing applicable projects utilizing the Complete Streets Policy established herein and providing recommendations on the integration of pedestrian and bicycle facilities to the appropriate jurisdictional agency, where feasible and not otherwise exempted; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that roadways and bicycle and pedestrian facilities shall be designed and constructed, where feasible and not otherwise exempted, to the best currently available standards and practices, including but not limited to the New Jersey Roadway Design Manual, the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, AASHTO's Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities, the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and others, as deemed applicable by the respective jurisdictional agency and/or its professional consultants; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that feasibility and exemptions are determined at the sole discretion of the Technical Advisory Committee and are contingent upon the presence of specific safety concerns; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Township shall annually assess the impact of the Complete Streets Policy using performance standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Complete Street facilities shall be established in applicable projects unless one or more of the following conditions apply:

- 1) Applicable law prohibits non-motorized users from using the roadway;
- 2) The cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to the cost of the project, as defined at more than twenty percent (20%) of the total cost;
- 3) Scarcity of population, travel and visitors, both existing and future, indicate an absence of need for such accommodations;
- 4) Detrimental environmental or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations;
- 5) Other governmental agencies with jurisdiction prohibit the application and/or inclusion of Complete Streets in a particular project; and/or
- 6) The safety or timing of the project is compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts the Complete Streets Policy as outlined in this resolution.

Adopted:

August 16, 2016

DEBORAH A. IANNACO, RMC

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Winslow at a regularly scheduled meeting on <u>August 16, 2016</u> at the Winslow Township Municipal Building.

Deborah A. Iannaco, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Date:

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